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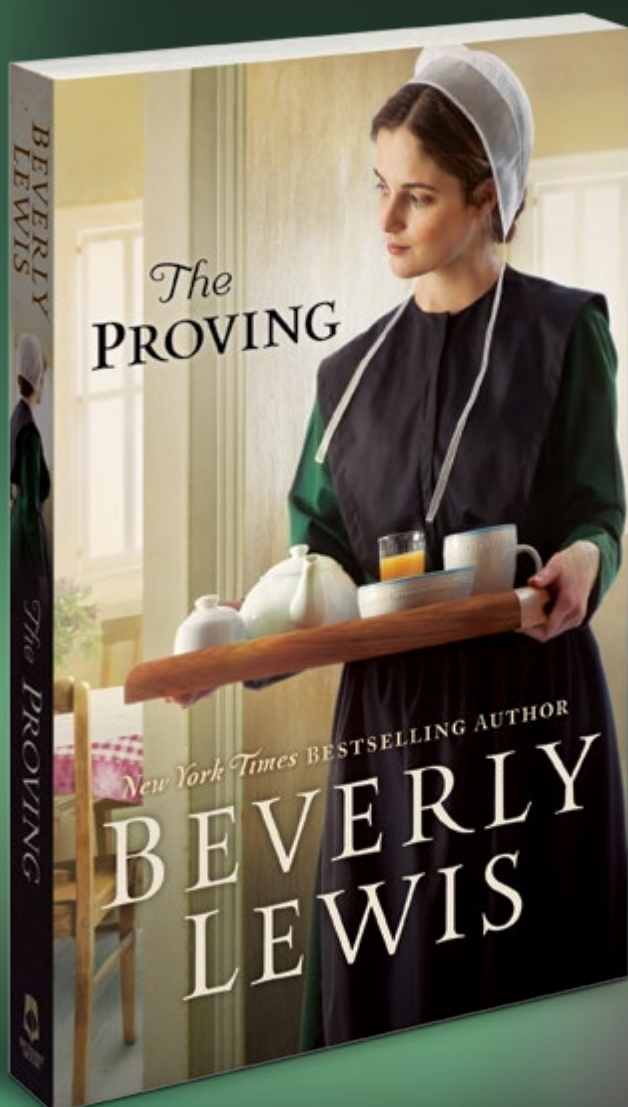
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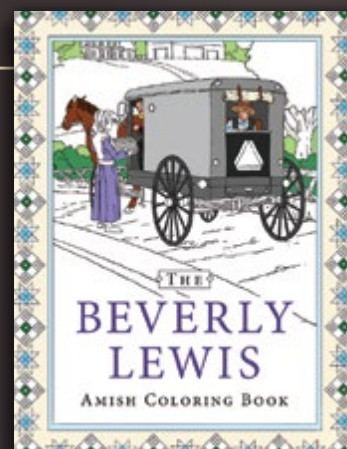
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When you mention Amish Country almost anywhere in the United States (and beyond), people think of the Amish and the local PA Dutch foods. And when you think of eating here, you'll probably think of family-style dining.

And for generations of visitors, when they think family-style they think "Good N' Plenty."

by Brad Igou

This iconic restaurant celebrates 47 years in business this year and, unlike some of the original visitor businesses in the area that have changed ownership over the years, Good N' Plenty remains firmly in the same family. Founders Christ and Dolly Lapp have passed the baton (or is it the platter?) to their son and his wife, Glen and Brenda Lapp, partners with Glen's sister and her husband, Judy and Don Eisenberger.

Interestingly, family-style dining got started when brothers Christ and Bob opened Plain & Fancy over 50 years ago. It was a family affair, and in those early

days, the food and style of dining were a hit. Christ got involved in starting Amish Country Tours, but recognized in his wife Dolly true managerial talent. So she left Plain & Fancy to join her husband and their partner Ed Hershey in opening Good N' Plenty in 1969. In those days, there were lots of visitors, and not many restaurants, so business was brisk at both restaurants as more visitors in cars and buses poured into the county.

Christ bought an original farmhouse, and the meals were served in this authentic atmosphere at the long tables we all associate with family style dining. The Lapps had already learned from their wives that ladies didn't like crawling over benches to sit at the table, so chairs remained part of the formula. And Dolly brought with her all the things that had made family-style dining successful...simple, home-cooked food, traditional recipes, with all the food brought to the table and passed among other visitors who you did not know, but who soon became part of



that table's "family." Conversations followed as platters were passed, refilled, and passed some more, before you heard the moans of delight when the desserts arrived as diners had "eaten themselves full."

Eating at Good N' Plenty became a tradition for thousands of visitors coming to Amish County. Bus groups were arriving, as they still do, and the Lapps soon needed to expand from the 200 people they could serve in the farmhouse. People were waiting in line up to two hours to get a place at a table. So, in 1971 a larger dining room was added to serve several hundred more. Good N' Plenty can now handle 600 guests at a time. For the first 15-20 years there was so much business from tourists and bus groups that only early phone call reservations were taken before they had to shut off group meals at 5:00 PM so they had room for walk-ins.



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Of course, the facility has been modernized and is more spacious, with a lovely gift shop and wonderful bakery, but you'll still see people eating in the original farmhouse, clearly visible from the road as you drive down Route 896. You'll still be treated to the same local favorites that are staples on the family-style menu.

Just as the restaurant is a tradition for visitors, so is it for many of the Lapp's employees. Lapp family members and even some employees are now the third generation to become part of the Good N' Plenty tradition. Sometimes "the kids" make lots of changes when they take over, but Glen knew that what his parents had created was what people expected when they arrived. As Glen has said, "The secret to our success 47 years later is not to change what our customers keep coming back for—a consistent menu that revolves around the freshest local foods." Nevertheless, the Lapps heard requests from people who wanted the same great food, but perhaps not the full all-you-can-eat

meal. Eventually "Menu Dining," was introduced with most of the traditional favorites plus garden fresh salads, sandwiches and home-made soups. And now many of the restaurant's favorite items are also available for take-out.

But as so many know, Christ and Dolly are still familiar faces at the restaurant, just "checking up on things." They remain part of a select group of people who helped create the hospitality industry in Amish Country. In a county where many businesses have stayed "in the family," Good

N' Plenty remains the epitome of this tradition.

The namesake of this dining legend for the next generation of the Lapp family (and their customers) still bespeaks what authentic Pennsylvania Dutch cooking and the dining experience here is all about — "Good food and plenty of it!"



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Dutch Haven...More Than Pie and Amish Stuff

By Brad Igou

My parents moved to Lancaster when I was five, and luckily they brought me along. At an early age I rode the Strasburg Rail Road and had a buggy ride. The spinning arms of the windmill meant shoo fly pie at Dutch Haven, "the place that made shoo fly pie famous."

I have stopped by Dutch Haven innumerable times over the years and, although there are plenty of "Amish related" gifts and crafts, I have always been surprised by the wide array of "non-Amish" gifts, collectibles, and crafts.

Growing up, I was an avid collector of rocks, minerals, and fossils. I remember going to "Mud Lake" here in Lancaster to dig up geodes with my parents (I know they were thrilled.) So imagine my delight when I saw a wonderful selection of gemstones (amethyst and malachite and green onyx, oh my!) at Dutch Haven. There are about 50 varieties of gemstones. There were even dragons wrapped around colorful gem geodes. Game of Thrones, anyone? 

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Out of the Ordinary Camping

By Caleb Bressler

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If swimming isn't really your thing, there are tons of other activities, from mini-golf to shuffleboard to paddle boating. Check the calendar for special events as well, like pizza night, laser tag, or even ceramic classes.

Just going to bed can be an adventure here. While there are plenty of regular cabins you can rent, there are also a variety of unique options. Besides the aforementioned campground "tent" or yurt, you'll find a double-decker bus, a caboose, tipi, and a covered wagon in which to lay your head! If you want to bring Fido along, there are even pet-friendly cabins.

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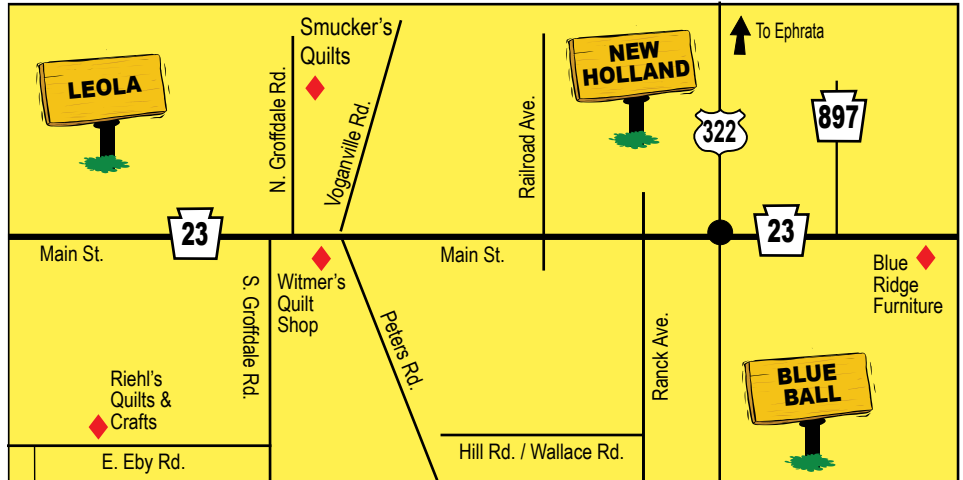
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A photograph of various country-style housewares, including a white teapot, blue and white cups, and a wooden clock.



Obie's Country Store...Not Yet In Ripley's, But You Won't Believe It.

By Clinton Martin

Country Stores, while not plentiful these days, can still be found. They come in all shapes and sizes. Most are boring. Boring, for sure, in comparison to Obie's Country Store! You simply have to walk the aisles to understand. It is flat-out amazing.

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Limited to 14 people to assure a personal experience, the tour highlights three aspects of Amish life --- on the farm, at work, and at home --- all within the span of three hours.

Amish Country Tours President, Brad Igou, explains that "This tour is really designed to provide close personal interaction with the Amish. The result is that the Amish are seen as real people, dispelling many of the preconceptions and myths so many of us have of them."

The first stop is at an Amish farm at milking time where an Amish dairyman explains how cows are milked without electricity.

The second stop spotlights Amish operating a "cottage industry," or very small-scale manufacturing on site at their homestead. A different craft is featured each evening.

The third stop is the simplest, and often the most meaningful. For the Amish, to "visit" is simply to sit and chat for a while in someone's home. Initial conversation with an Amish family may be hesitant at first, but by the end of the evening it is often difficult to pull visitors and hosts away.

Igou summed up the experience. "This is not about re-creating another culture, visiting a replica Amish farm, or having people dress up and impersonate characters. This is about meeting

and talking to real people, one-on-one, where they live and work. The beautiful scenery along the way is just icing on the cake."

The Amish VIP Tours run Monday through Saturday through October, and depart at 5 PM from the Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy Farm, Route 340, between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. (Also special additional daytime tours September 1, 2, and 4 at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM.) Tickets may be purchased with Visa or MasterCard in advance by phone 717.668.3600, ext. 210, or online at www.AmishExperience.com/vip-tour/



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The Amish in Their Own Words Vol. 2 - Part Five

by Brad Igou



“The Greatest Threat”

What is the greatest threat to our churches today? Not everyone would have the same answer. I admit I do not know. But in looking back over Amish and Mennonite history of the past 150 years, I think I see a clue. It is evident that something has happened to the hundreds of churches that were at one time non-conformed in dress and doctrine, but today are not. Whole communities have been sucked gradually into the mainstream of American society, and have adopted worldly values and lifestyle. Can we learn from the mistakes of others? What are the warning signs? Here are a few that come to mind. I'm sure there are others.

- A lack of true conviction.
- A willingness to compromise.
- A permissive spirit and lukewarm attitudes.
- The lure of prosperity and an easy life.
- The influence of one's neighbors and acquaintances.
- The effect of modern conveniences and mobility.
- An excess of leisure.
- A consumer mentality and easy credit ---
- The “buy now, pay later” generation.
- A cry of “legalism” in the church, while being blind to the world's bondage.
- Labeling the church's standards of nonconformity a “culture,” but ready to embrace the world's culture.
- Hearers of the Word, but not doers.
- Faith without works.
- Radio and television.
- The breakdown of marriage and the home.

Strangely, the more one weakens, the greater the pressure becomes. In the Niagara River, the closer one gets to the Falls, the stronger the current. Is it not the same in our churches? Those that do not have a clear line in nonconformity and are lax in discipline are usually the first to be swept down the stream, helpless to gain control.

“Lost Inheritance”

God, our heavenly Father, has forbidden His children from forming an alliance with the world, or the lust and pride that belong to it. He has warned us that “the world passeth away, and the lust thereof.” (I John 2:17) What then do we mean by the term “world?” It is important that we give it the correct definition.

We might begin by looking at the life of our worldly neighbor. First of all, he doesn't go to any church, for he sees no need of it. He does, however, see the need for a luxurious and easy life. Modern technology has provided him with what might be called “the instant life.” He has a late-model car at his doorstep for instant transportation to go anywhere he wants to go.

He has an instant oven to cook his meals in a few minutes. He has a radio for instant entertainment for his ears, a television for instant diversion for his eyes. He has a gadget for nearly everything he wants done, from washing his dishes to brushing his teeth. He carries a cordless phone around with him for instant communication.

He takes time to attend sports events in town, or go to card parties and dances. To support this kind of life, neighbor and his wife must both work to pay all the bills.

Several years ago, I started working on a second volume of THE AMISH IN THEIR OWN WORDS, my book compiled from Amish writings in “Family Life” magazine. Since then, for many reasons, my project of producing “Volume 2” remains in limbo. Nevertheless, because I had begun to read and compile countless articles, I have decided to share some of them with you as my Amish Series for this year.

Amish youth groups were once not given much supervision, but in recent years more input and guidance from parents have helped to tamp down some of the more “worldly” influences on youth gatherings. Volleyball games, sometimes multiple games going at a time, are encouraged leisure activity for Amish youth.

Yes, life is faster and easier than years ago, but neighbor is more rushed than ever and has less leisure than before. Then sometime in midsummer, neighbor takes a few essentials and drives up north to where the road ends. Here he loads a folded tent and some bare essentials upon his back and hikes into the woods for several miles till he comes to a lake. He sets up camp.

Here he finds real peace and quiet with no radio or TV blaring, no ringing of the phone, no roar of traffic or the hum of modern life. Neighbor calls this a vacation and says he must do this to rest and to get away from it all. After the vacation is over, neighbor returns to civilization. He comes back home tired and worn out from the long drive, and must now rest for a day or two to get over his vacation before resuming his job.

The world of luxuries, styles, and fashions, glamour and fame, honor, pride, music, dance halls, entertainment, money, and all that goes with it --- this is like a steady current to sweep the individual downward.

But this is not the whole story. What we have described is that which our eyes can see when we look at our neighbor's life, or when we hear of what is going on all around us. This is indeed worldliness.

But worldliness is, after all, a condition of the heart. And it is quite possible to be outwardly Plain, but still be worldly within. Thus we see that abstaining from worldly materialism or living a Plain life will not necessarily bring separation from the world. For the world is a condition of the heart.

Next month: Amish Poems

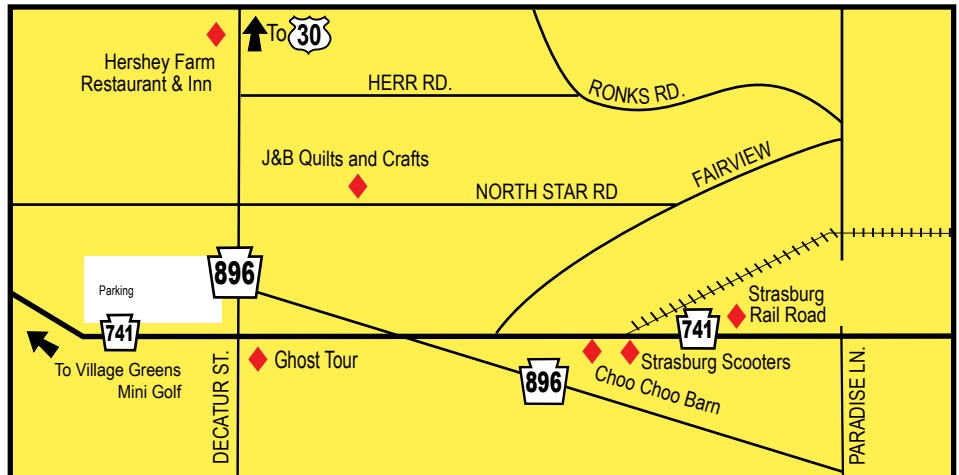
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Magic to Do-PIPPIN at Dutch Apple

By Brad Igou

Let me start right off by saying this is the best show I have ever seen at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Now let me tell you a little about PIPPIN. Even if you don't know this musical, you probably have heard of the shows of its composer, Stephen Schwartz, best known for GODSPELL and WICKED.



But back in 1972, musicals were in transition. The political times were turbulent (think Vietnam, the musical HAIR.) And the search for meaning in life was a common theme. The story of the young lad, Pippin, son of Emperor Charlemagne, may seem like an unlikely inspiration for a show. But in many ways, this is a universal story about coming of age, seeking, and finding fulfillment.

From the beginning, with choreography by Bob Fosse, PIPPIN was a unique production. A kind of circus theme always ran through the show. But the 2013 Broadway production that won the Tony for Best Revival of a Musical, took the circus theme to a new level. And it is this show that is the basis of the Dutch Apple production. In fact, the costumes are the same that were used on Broadway.

The story is introduced by a "narrator" of sorts, a fine actress who leads us to a spectacular visual and vocal knockout opening, "Magic To Do," with colorful costumes, acrobats, jugglers, and dancing. It's a virtual three-ring circus on stage. We then meet Pippin home from his studies, portrayed by an excellent young charismatic actor who really inhabits the role, his younger brother, ruling father (Charlemagne), and plotting mother. Pippin is looking for the meaning in life he has yet to find.

As Pippin explores war, love, glory, and politics, the story unfolds through constant athletic action, marvelous magical illusions, carefully choreographed movement, and hummable songs with topical lyrics.

One of my favorite scenes is with Pippin's grandmother, and the song "No Time At All." It's a pure delight. The audience gets to sing along, following the bouncing ball, while Granny does acrobatics on a trapeze! I want to give you a sample of the lyrics, a commentary on aging and living life to the fullest...

*Here is a secret I never have told,
Maybe you'll understand why.
I believe if I refuse to grow old,*

*I can be young 'til I die
Now I've known the fears of 66 years,
I've had troubles and tears by the score,
But the only thing I'd trade them for
Is 67 more...*

*Oh, it's time to start livin'
Time to take a little from the world we're given
Time to take time, for spring will turn to fall,
In just no time at all.*

You'll be singing this song on the way home... I know I was!

As the second act begins, Pippin discovers the domestic life, but still believes he is destined to do something more. Mundane, simple family life is not providing him the fulfillment he seeks...

*Patching the roof and pitching the hay,
Is not my idea of a perfect day.
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The Fun Isn't Miniature at Village Greens!

By Caleb Bressler

If you've never tried miniature golf, I'm betting that you'll be converted to this enjoyable pastime after visiting Village Greens in Strasburg. With two courses and surprises literally around every corner, the holes are a fun challenge for both novices and pro.

The courses are laid out over 13 acres, Orange and Gold, each with a distinctive flavor. The 23-hole Gold Course has a particularly interesting assortment of challenges, from a streamside

"banked curve" to sending the ball down tunnels. The holes aren't the only joys of this course. The shady landscaping, waterfall, and many other touches really heighten the experience. Head over to the 18-hole Orange Course for a quicker game and more traditional mini-golf adventure, featuring a miniature bridge and wishing well.

Regardless of which course you choose, if you are looking for a great place for mini-golf, I highly recommend Village Greens. You'll discover this "find" at 1444 Village Road, Strasburg, PA 17579. Call 717.687.6933 or see hours and more at www.villagegreens.com.

Bear & Sons in the News Nationwide, Seen & Sold at Country Knives

By Clinton Martin

Diehard knife fans and the casual observer alike have been reading lately about Bear & Sons, whether in knife enthusiast publications, or nationwide via the Associated Press. Residing somewhere in the middle between the pros and the weekend warriors, I decided to dig a little deeper about the knife manufacturer that so recently became a media darling.

Whenever I have a question about anything sharp, I always call Brian at Country Knives, a

knife and edged tool expert by any definition, who just so happens to call Amish Country his home, operating his impressive knife and cutlery store just two miles east of the village of Intercourse along Route 340.

With over 8,000 knife and cutlery items in stock at his store, he carries a full line of pocket knives by Bear & Sons, in addition to various knives and cutlery pieces from around 400 other manufacturers the world over. As he has personally met and knows well the owner of Bear & Sons, having established a 30+ year friendship with the man, I figured speaking



with Brian was second only to driving to Jacksonville, Alabama, to interview Bear & Sons president Ken Griffey in person.

According to Brian, Bear & Sons is one of five remaining traditional US pocketknife manufacturers. There are plenty of US knife brands that import their products from overseas, but you can count on one hand the number that manufacture domestically. Bear & Sons has captured the imagination because it is a feel-good success story. Sales have increased year after year, jobs have been added, the American Dream is growing, and the price tag remains perfectly accessible to the average consumer.

Brian regaled me with the long and sometimes circuitous Bear & Sons story, a tale which includes two times when Bear & Sons was owned by huge corporations. I asked if all of the manufacturers that Brian carries in his store have fascinating stories, and yes they do. Brian considers the principal world of commercial knife manufacturing to hold roughly 400 makers, ranging in size from 100 employee workshops like Bear & Sons, to gigantic multi-billion dollar companies like Victorinox which, located in Switzerland, gives us the "Swiss Army Knife."

I could print an entire issue with stories from 400 knife manufacturers, but basically it is much easier for you to simply visit Country Knives for as much or as little of the story as you want. Brian has amassed not only an inventory of 8,000 plus items, but he has also gathered together highly knowledgeable employees that will easily be able to match you with the perfect knife, scissors, or edged tool that meets your specific needs.

Using a GPS to find Country Knives – 4134 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gordonville PA 17529. The store is just two miles east of Intercourse on Route 340, and is open every day except Sunday. Call 717.688.3818 or visit www.CountryKnives.com for more information. 

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Gettysburg...A Divided Country's Turning Point

by Brad Igou

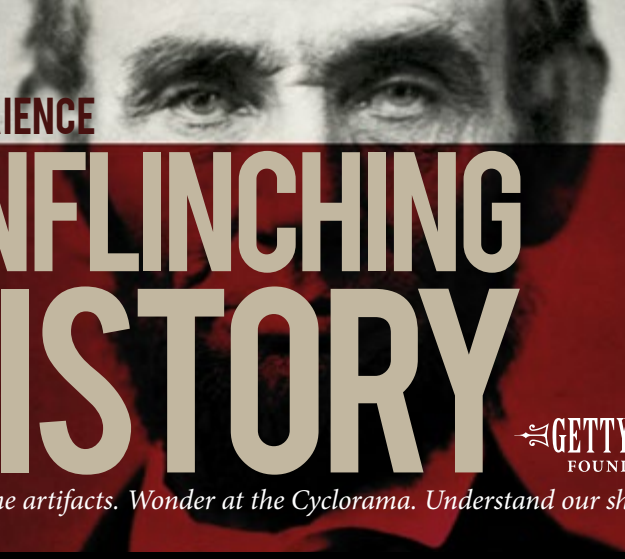
We could probably make a strong argument that when people think of Pennsylvania, they primarily think of four destinations, all just a short drive from Amish Country. The other three are, of course, Philadelphia, Hershey, and Gettysburg.

Readers will immediately identify nearby Gettysburg with the Civil War. Here are a few quick facts. Between July 1-3, 1863, Maj. Gen. George Meade's Union Army defeated attacks by Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army, ending Lee's attempt to invade the North. Often described as the turning point in the war, this was the bloodiest battle, with the largest number of casualties. Not long after the battle, President Lincoln came to the cemetery to give what is arguably the most famous American speech, the Gettysburg Address.

Today, visitors are fortunate to have so many excellent resources available to really gain an in-depth understanding of those fateful days, and see where those events actually took place, as they walk this "Hallowed Ground."



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Armed with this historical background, you are now ready for a tour of the battlefield itself, and there are various options, from having a licensed guide, to driving around on your own, to taking a bus tour. There is a very reasonably priced option that includes the museum, cyclorama, and bus tour in a combination ticket.

But just as Lancaster is much more than just Amish Country, Gettysburg offers a variety

of attractions beyond the battlefield. The town square is delightful, with many other historic buildings, lodging, shops, theater, and restaurants, all good spots to unwind after a day of sightseeing. You might even want to do a Ghost Tour in the evening.



Many visitors are not familiar with the nearby Eisenhower National Historic Site, the home and farm of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. This was his weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders, a much needed respite from Washington, and a backdrop for efforts to reduce Cold War tensions.

You'll want to plan some time for other pursuits, whether that be outlet shopping, visiting wineries, or various outdoor activities. And you may want to check out some of the events you might not associate with Gettysburg --- a beer festival, bike week, apple harvest festival, and even Gettysburg Rocks.

So be sure to plan a visit to Gettysburg and make this small Pennsylvania town that changed the course of history a part of your vacation battle plan. 

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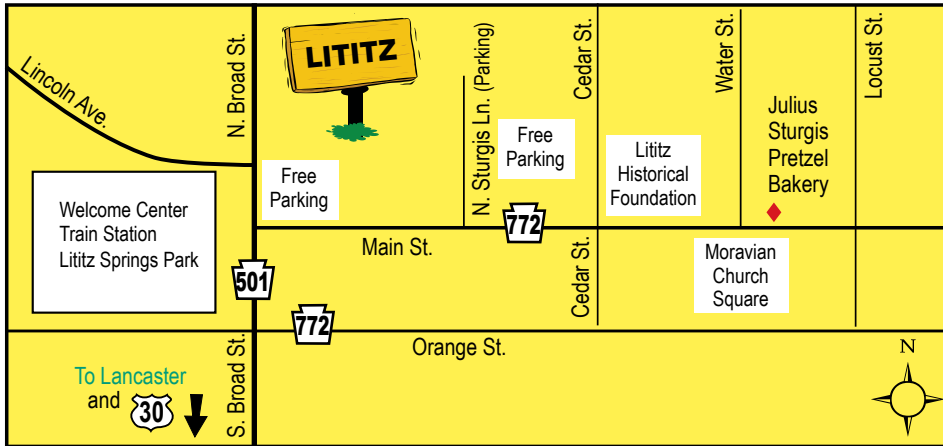
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By Clinton Martin

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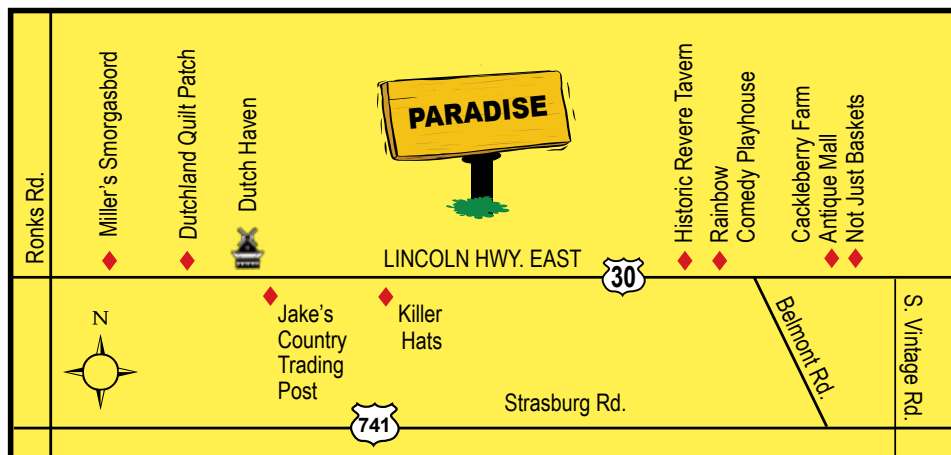
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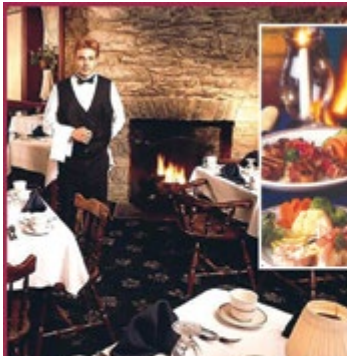
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By Clinton Martin

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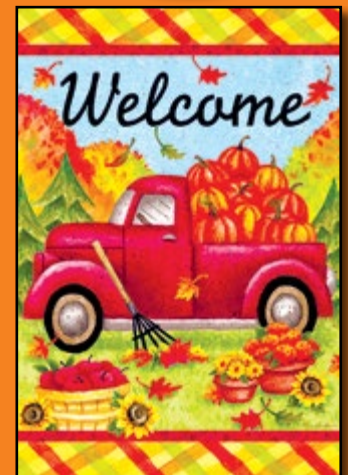
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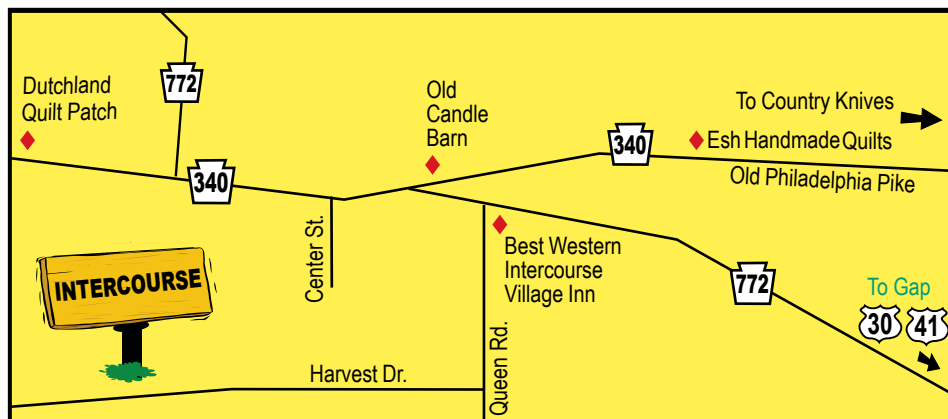


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By Clinton Martin



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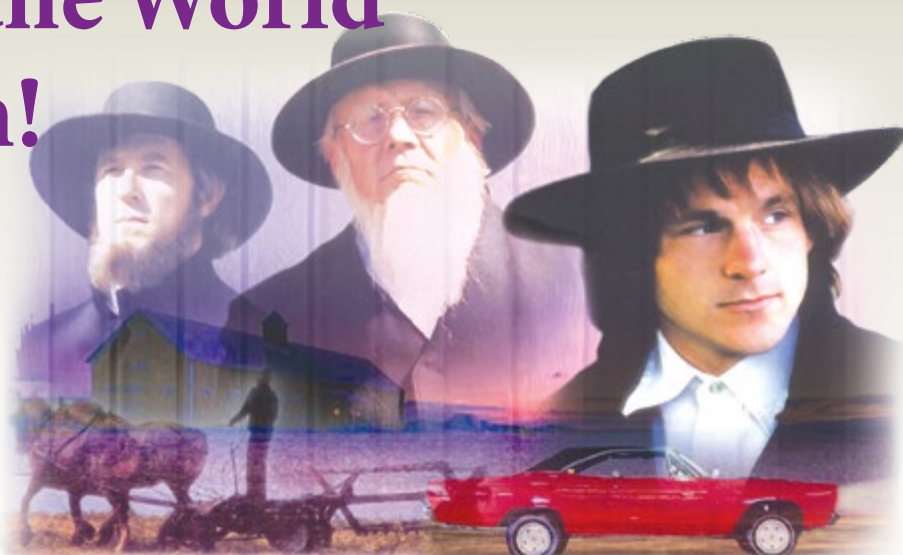
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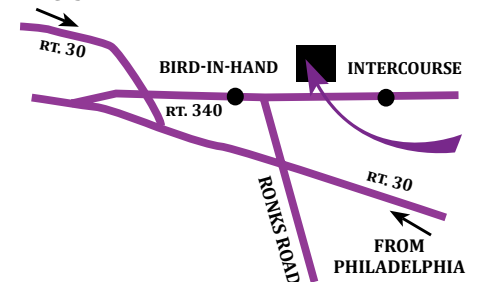
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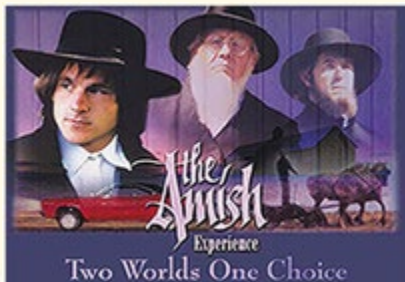
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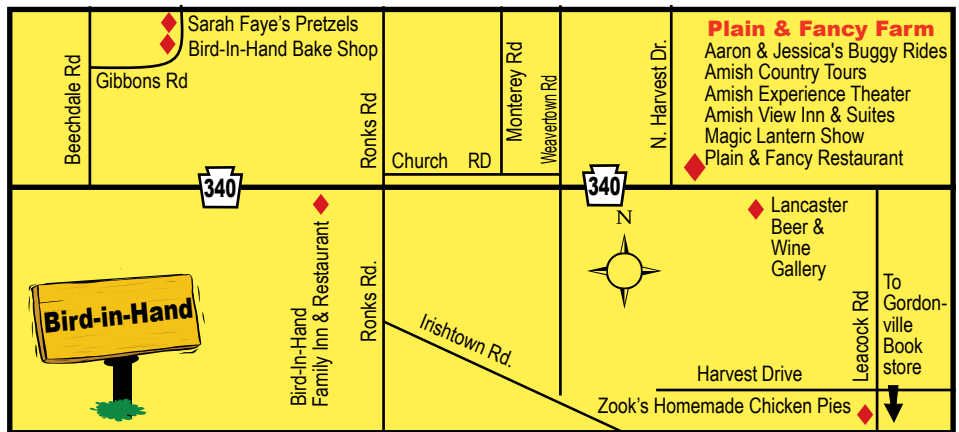
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By Clinton Martin



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By Clinton Martin



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A Culinary Tradition of Excellence: Revere Tavern

By Clinton Martin

Lancaster County has always been a visitor destination, although “tourism” in the truest sense didn’t really blossom here until the 1950s. But, going back to the earliest days of Colonial America, travelers braved bumpy roads and arduous journeys to transport merchandise and news along what is today Route 30 in Lancaster.

Back in 1794, the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike was the first long-distance (62-mile) paved road, and first major toll road, built in the United States. The Revere Tavern was just one of many food and beverage respites along the way that served not only as restaurants, but also as inns, business centers, debate halls... essentially the centers of rural life in America.

The Revere was perhaps one of the finer of the many stops and, amazingly, has remained intact and serving guests for all of its 275+ year existence. Today, you can “dine in the romantic glow of history,” just as travelers have done for hundreds of years.

In a venerable establishment with roots dating back to 1740, being the chef at the Revere Tavern comes with generations of expectations, while also a desire to create something new and

fascinating. I had the opportunity to sit down with current Revere chef, Scott Marchewka, to get his take on what dining at the Revere is like today.

Scott has been with the Revere for just a little over a year, and he’s been sure to continue the long-standing tradition of excellence the Tavern has had in the hearts and minds of locals and visitors alike. The Revere will simply always have the area’s most unique soup available each day, Snapper Soup with a dash of Sherry, and the famous day-boat scallops aren’t going anywhere either. And lastly, the succulent crab cakes will forever be a Revere institution.

However, from those tried-and-true roots, Scott has been able to develop a new menu, putting his muse into play behind the scenes. Under his gaze, he’s been able to capitalize on the Revere Tavern’s location. After all, the restaurant is literally surrounded by Amish Country, with farms dotting the landscape only a stone’s throw in any direction.

So Scott, who’s already got good rapport with the local farmers who showcase their crops at Lancaster’s Central Market, incorporates



Chef Scott welcomes Jonathan Groff (Lancaster-native, A-list Hollywood and Broadway celeb) who recently popped in to check out the Revere Tavern with a party of 17 or so. He joins a list of famous personages who have visited over the years, including President James Buchanan and Stephen Foster.

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Coming Home

By Zelda A. Rowley

My love affair with Lancaster, Pennsylvania, began on our honeymoon in May, 1975. We decided to take a week and crisscross the State – no itinerary, no reservations. We would drive until we found something that interested us and stop for the night. Even though we visited many cities, Lancaster was our favorite.

Neither of us had visited the area before. Blair was from western Pennsylvania and I was born in Washington, DC, and raised in the Maryland suburbs. We returned to Lancaster several times a year thereafter for vacations with the kids, etc. When Blair retired, there was no doubt in our minds where we would reside.

So on July 1, 1999, we packed all of our belongings into a rental truck and moved away from the only home we had known for the past 20 years (a small two-bedroom apartment in Mt. Rainier, MD, where we had raised our two sons, Rusty and Travis). The move was also bitter sweet as our oldest son, Rusty, had decided to stay in Maryland and get a place of his own.

Lancaster is located in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country. It is so beautiful with its rich farmland, friendly people, and unique culture. We have a large Amish population and I have enjoyed learning about their beliefs. It amazes me how the Amish and the “Englisch” co-exist, though their lifestyles appear to be from two different worlds. It is quite a sight to see automobiles, motorhomes, and tour buses sharing the road with horse and buggies.

I love that fact that we have four distinct seasons, each with its own beauty...

Spring brings forth a new awakening. The trees come alive with lush coats of green leaves. The crocus pokes its colorful head through the remnants of the last snowfall of winter. The Amish farmer walks behind his team of mules as the plow furrows the rich, dark earth. After a long cold winter, it is good to feel the warmth of the sun once again upon your face.

Summer is a great time to get outdoors and checkout the local yard sales, flea markets, and garage sales. There is nothing like the feeling of carrying home that one “special find.” As far as the eye can see, fields are bursting with tall stalks of corn waiting to be harvested. A leisurely ride down a long country road can almost take you back in time as you pass through a covered bridge and ponder those who came before. A relaxing stroll beside a quiet stream will help you appreciate the sights and sounds Mother Nature has provided.

Fall finds trees resplendent in colors of red, orange, and yellow. A cool breeze brings forth a shower of falling leaves. A stop at a farmer's market finds shelf after shelf filled with colorful jars containing everything from apple butter to



Editor's Note: We sometimes receive comments and essays in our email, and Zelda Rowley sent us this story of her move to Lancaster. She agreed to share it with our readers, along with some of her photos.

pickled watermelon rind. Jugs of apple cider are ready for the tasting. Some small roadside stands are left unattended while the farmer is at work in the field. You will find a wooden box with a hole in the top and a sign that reads “Help yourself. Please leave the money in the box.” Vines of bright orange pumpkins cover the ground. You can see the telltale sign of a “V” as Canada geese fill the sky for their migration south for the winter. We have much to be thankful for.

Winter finds the barren fields covered with a blanket of snow. Sparkling lights cast their glow as the holiday season approaches. The aroma of cinnamon, pine, and wood smoke fills your

senses. The countryside echoes with the sound of children's laughter as sleds quickly glide down snow covered hills. There is a feeling of goodwill in the air. And soon, the cycle will begin anew.

The decision made so long ago to move to Lancaster has brought me more joy than I ever could have imagined. My hobby, photography, has proven to be a most rewarding experience. Lancaster is full of never-ending photo opportunities from its quaint covered bridges to its beautiful farm vistas. I like to think of my photographs as “views from the heart.” Folks here are friendly and always ready with a smile. I truly feel I have “come home.” 🐾

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fresh, local foods whenever possible. This especially pertains to vegetables used in the restaurant, as he's got “room to play” with that part of the menu.

The focal point of the menu, in his case a wonderfully steak-heavy lineup, requires a steady hand to maintain impeccable quality standards. Prime rib, filet mignon, and a delicious rib-eye have all been added to the list of favorites at the Revere Tavern.

Scott is especially proud of the rib-eye, a 28-day wet aged rib-eye loin, which arrives whole at the Tavern. He personally trims the steaks off the loin, creating a succulent rib-eye, a culinary work of art that guests have been coming back for again and again.

The Tavern has served expertly crafted cocktails for almost all of its 275+ years (Prohibition being but a brief interruption). Today, Revere's bar keepers are slinging wonderful concoctions that use not only the nationally recognized tipples, but also Lancaster's only distillery, Thistlefinch Distillery. The local distillery crafts vodka, gin, and rye whiskey. The vodka and gin are especially popular as building blocks for the locally inspired cocktails at the Tavern.

Revere Tavern is easy to find. It's located along Route 30 in the village of Paradise. Call 717.687.8602 or visit our website at www.RevereTavern.com. If you've got a large party, sports team, or even a wedding, the Tavern can easily accommodate you. Although the Tavern is in Paradise, you'll also find “paradise” at the Revere! 🐾

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Publisher's Message

This "Responding Firemen" sign mysteriously disappeared not long after it was put along the road in Bird-in-Hand.

Respecting the Differences

By Brad Igou

We hear a lot about divisiveness and extreme differences today, both here in the United States and abroad. It is no secret that we often fear people different from us, either in skin color, ideology, religion, values, or whatever. The easiest thing to do is to stereotype everyone who fits into that "group." Putting a person or group "in a box" makes it all very tidy. Seeing people and issues in black and white is a lot easier than analyzing the many shades of gray.

It is often easier to overlook or excuse the same "problems" we point out in others that we have ourselves. It reminds me of the Bible passage (Matthew 5:5) that says "First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

Most of us enjoy traveling and visiting new places, meeting new people. Basic curiosity is what propels us forward, whether that means trying sushi for the first time, taking a yoga lesson, going white-water rafting, climbing a mountain "because it's there," or going to the moon.

Admittedly, we are not all adventurous. But simple events like attending a concert, play, or movie transport us to a different place, and we experience music, lives, and worlds beyond the familiar. And sometimes, we also find that some of the same joys and sorrows we experience are part of other people's lives as well.

Which brings us to the Amish. They sure are "different." I occasionally conduct private tours through the Amish Country Homestead & One-Room School, a designated Lancaster County Heritage Site at the Amish Experience on the property of Plain & Fancy Farm. We talk

about what some call the "riddles." Why can the Amish ride in a car or bus, but have to drive a horse and buggy? Why do they have a propane gas stove, but not an electric one? Why do horses and mules pull mechanized equipment through the fields instead of a tractor?

On this particular day, I had three families on my tour... from Wisconsin, Israel, and Saudi Arabia. At the end of my tour, I talked about some of these "riddles," trying to draw parallels to our modern lives today. I pointed out that the Amish are not against new technology, but rather its impact. I posited that we all need to examine each new technology and how it impacts our lives, our values, our children...and ourselves.

I concluded by observing that "the Amish are just people." We work together here without one group trying to convince the other that their way is better. We respect the differences. This is readily apparent when we look at the diverse membership of volunteer fire companies in the area, many of whom are Amish.

When we begin to understand why people do what they do, it changes things. It's about being in someone else's shoes, looking at life from a perspective other than our own. The focus shifts from what divides us to inevitably recognize what we have in common.

After finishing my tour, the father of the Israeli family came up to me and politely asked if I had said what I did because there were people from Israel and Saudi Arabia on the tour? I truthfully responded that I say this on all my tours, for it applies whether we are from the same city or different countries.



Volunteers meet to cut fresh corn for upcoming dinner fundraisers. This company announced how much they prepared.

Besides a uniform way of dress that shuns worldly fashion, he saw many parallels between Conservative Judaism and the Amish... from horrendous persecution in Europe, to the challenge of young people raised with a conservative faith and traditions while growing up in a rapidly changing modern world.

I noticed that the Israeli kids and the Saudi Arabian kids all enjoyed playing with the Amish marble rollers in the homestead. Sometimes the most unlikely of things can be a start in bringing us together.

The various colors and shapes of the pieces of a quilt or mosaic can turn into a beautiful whole, something very different than starting with a pile of identical pieces. But I have no illusions. I know it's the "putting it together" part that's the challenge. For all our sakes, I hope it's a challenge that, collectively, diverse peoples everywhere will embrace. 

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